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## Marginal Column By SHY LAQUON

A BOOK by Mr. Meir Ya'ari on the synthesis between Holism and Stalinism, published in installments by "Al Hachshar" as a discussion material for the eighth national conference of "Hachshar Hatzair," has provoked lively debates within that group and Mapam in general and violent polemics between Mapam and the Communists. It has attracted considerable interest in other circles too. Mr. Ya'ari's view, as the title of his book indicates, is that such a synthesis is indeed feasible, realizable by his group, and — this of course is the decisive test — compatible with the teachings of Lenin, Stalin, and Mao Tse Tung, Israel's Communists. Dr. Sneh's reaction, as a Jew, is within Hachshar Hatzair, believe on the other hand that Mr. Ya'ari's Jewish national liberation movement, resulting in the establishment of a Jewish State, is reactionary, and a synthesis would be a preposterous enterprise and a dangerous nationalist deviation.

CHANCES are that people who broadly share Mr. Ya'ari's basic assumptions on the synthesis of Holism and Stalinism, and there is much common ground between them, else a debate would have been impossible, as not a few of the participants in the national conference of the Middle Ages about the nature and generation of Christ, the mysterious subject of the third person of the Trinity, the essence of the Eucharist, and similar important points of doctrine. It is very easy, but unproductive, to ridicule these disagreements as the result of a difference in the level of the discussion. But whatever is lacking in quality is simply made up in intensity.

THE participants in the present debate live in a climate of opinion of their own too. The discussion reminds one of the disputes among German and Russian Social Democrats 80 years ago, but there are differences: the issue at stake is not a correct interpretation of Marx — undoubtedly one of the most important thinkers of modern times; now it has become the question of a totalitarianism, an interpreter of Marx — because Stalin, whatever his merits in other fields, was a thinker only twice removed from the reality of the discussion. But whatever is lacking in quality is simply made up in intensity.

MR. Ya'ari's synthesis is of some quite honest honesty. He succeeds in sitting down between all available chairs. Dr. Sneh has far better realized that you cannot join a church, or an army, and continue to lay down the law yourself as if nothing had happened. The strength of the army or the church is in unquestioning discipline — not in independent thinking. The decisive thing is not to be right (in accordance with some abstract principles) but the application of which is a monopoly of the supreme leader, but to carry out instructions. Could Mr. Ya'ari's thesis that Stalin was right everywhere but in this country be accepted, anarchy would prevail: the local chieftain in Paganism or in Islam would likewise seek for autonomy. If Mr. Ya'ari's "forces of tomorrow" prevail, his synthesis will not be greatly appreciated, and if they do not, no one will care very much either. And yet, Don Quixotes will probably fare no worse than the various "realistic" Sancho Panzas from Dr. Sneh down who fear to miss the Stalinist wand. The casual rate among opportunists on that well-trodden road is alarming.

Jerusalem, March 16.

## US to Test 'King-Size' Nuclear Weapon

LOS ANGELES, Monday (UP). — Admiral Lewis Strauss, head of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, boarded a plane for Honolulu last night and admitted he was on route to a secret testing island to witness the explosion of a king-sized nuclear weapon.

Adm. Strauss refused, however, to say when the test would take place.

It has been reported by unofficial sources that the most powerful explosion of the current A.E.C. tests will be touched off about April.

## Encircled French Force Stages Counter-Attack

HANOI, Monday. — Outnumbered and surrounded French Union troops counter-attacked today against a Vietnamese force of up to 40,000 men assaulting Dien Bien Phu in the latest pitched battle of the Indo-China war.

French Headquarters spokesman said Col. Christian de Castries, commanding the out-of-fortress sent paratroopers, Foreign Legionnaires, Moroccan and Vietnamese infantry with bayonets fixed against the Viet rebels in a day-long, desperate battle.

The French counter-attack after a second Vietnamese assault wave swarmed against the fortress defenses last night.

Not Sparing Men

The Vietnamese Commander, General Vo Nguyen Giap, is still hurling his men into the battle at a time, though more than 1,000 bodies are reported to be littering the battlefield.

The attacks have overrun one French battalion position in the 18-km. long fortified valley, guarding the route into the neighboring state of Laos, it was officially announced today.

But two other positions were reported to be holding out.

A French Command spokesman said American-supplied aircraft yesterday dropped a 700-strong battalion of paratroopers to bolster the hard-pressed Franco-Vietnamese garrison.

For the French Union defense, this is a life and death struggle. Surrounded on all sides by 150 kms. of hostile jungle, they cannot retreat.

Only One Centre Falls

The High Command announced tonight that the rebels had taken only one centre of resistance — not two as earlier reported. Vietnamese troops stormed a hill position at the north-eastern end of the mountain bowl on Sunday morning after five hours of non-stop human wave assaults. This position was heavily fortified with trenches and barbed wire. Its fall is evidence of the reckless ferocity of the Vietnamese attack.

French and Communist troops halted their bitter battle for several hours yesterday morning under a special truce agreement.

The truce was a radio signal suggesting that firing should cease while both sides buried their dead and picked up the wounded: lying in the no-man's land.

French officers said this was the first time that such a cease-fire had taken place during the seven-year war.

Communists Defeated In French By-Election

PARIS, Monday (UP). — The French Communist Party (P.C.F.) defeated the European Army Treaty (E.A.T.) in a by-election today. Results in a by-election in the vital North Atlantic pact, won by the P.C.F. over the E.A.T. 1,246 of the 2,830 seats, compared with 1,124 in 1950. The People's Party took 317 and the League 115. The joint list won 488 seats.

Austrian Socialists Claim Election Win

KLAGENFURT, Austria, Monday (Reuter). — Austrian socialists today claimed a victory in the Carinthian municipal elections yesterday with 50,421 votes, or 56% of the total.

The People's Party in many places fought on a joint list with the right-wing League of Independents. Socialists won 1,246 of the 2,830 seats, compared with 1,124 in 1950. The People's Party took 317 and the League 115. The joint list won 488 seats.

'United Front' Leads E. Pakistan Elections

KARACHI, Monday (Reuter). — The opposition United Front assumed an early lead with big wins over the ruling Muslim League Party when first results of elections to the East Bengal Provincial Assembly were announced today.

The first four seats went to the Front, formed by Muslim groups outside the League who teamed up with Hindus, Communists and left-wingers to fight government candidates in last week's elections.

The Muslim League newspaper "Dawn" in a report from Dacca, forecast a landslide defeat for the Muslim League in East Bengal, home of more than half Pakistan's 75 million population.

Girl Killed as Army Vehicle Overturns

ADINA BARAZHI, 22, was killed, and Rabei Cohen, 23, was seriously injured when the Army vehicle in which they were travelling overturned yesterday afternoon at Kilmessy, 37, near Kilmessy, on the Tel Aviv — Jerusalem highway.

Four other persons, civilians and soldiers, were slightly hurt. The injured were taken to Asaf Harofeh Hospital in Safad and the injured soldiers to a nearby military hospital.

U.N. SHOULD APPLY

NEW DELHI, Monday (Reuter). — India has told the U.N. she will accept only UN visa applications for American soldiers serving with the international observation team in Kashmir, usually reliable source here said yesterday.

No direct applications from the U.N. will be accepted, it was stated.

Asked to comment on a report that a number of Americans had already been refused visas, an Indian official said he did not know of any actual refusal.

## 1 Killed as Tunis Police Fire On Student Parade

TUNIS, Monday (Reuter). — Shots were fired when several hundred Tunisian student demonstrators demonstrated near the seat of the Government in the Arab quarter of the town. Police used tear gas to try to disperse them.

Police succeeded in repulsing the demonstrators who fought in the nearby Great Mosque and in the Arab shopping centre. One person was reported killed in the demonstration. Two policemen were seriously hurt.

Strong police reinforcements immediately rushed to the scene and cordoned off the government quarter known as the Dar el Bey.

Today's demonstration, which broke a prolonged period of calm in Tunisia, was believed to have been a nationalist inspired protest against the new Tunisian government.

The nationalist Neo-Destour movement protested earlier the new Government and especially against its acceptance of French inspired reforms for greater Tunisian self-government. Nationalists said these reforms fell short of their demands.

Figures Differ

Tunisian Nationalist quarters claimed that 2,000 students had gathered in a square near the Government building. French police officers put their number at nearer 600.

At the same time, prisoners in Tunisia fell launched a brief demonstration shouting anti-French and anti-Government slogans.

Nationalists called for a strike of shopkeepers tomorrow to protest against today's casualties.

The students, who are attached to the French quarter, converged on the square in four columns carrying Tunisian flags. The ostensible reason of their demonstration was to call on the Minister for Religious Affairs, Mohammed Saadullah to demand a modernization of their statute.

The Minister had already twice refused to receive them on Saturday.

Clashing with the police outside the Government building, the students threw stones, breaking many windows.

Fifty Tunisians were detained in other quarters of the town while the rioting was going on.

Unemployed Must Go to Farms, More Productive Roles, Bernstein

By The Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Mr. P. Bernstein, Minister of Commerce and Industry, today urged the Knesset to agree with earlier speakers that the threat of increasing unemployment was the greatest danger which the State now faced, and was more serious even than the gap in the balance of payments.

He said that he was convinced that the problem could be solved by transferring the unemployed to productive work in agriculture and industry.

Earlier, Mr. Zisling had said that the problem of the unemployed was a serious one, and that the Government was working to solve it.

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## Munro to Submit Motion on Suez

NEW YORK, Monday (UPI-Reuters). — The New Zealand delegate, Mr. Leslie Munro, told reporters today that he hoped to submit a resolution to the U.N. Security Council "in the next two or three days" dealing with Israel's complaint regarding Egyptian restrictions on Israel-bound shipping through the Suez Canal.

The Council met on the subject on Friday and adjourned without setting a date for its next meeting.

It was believed that Mr. Selim Serfaty of Turkey, the President for March, would call a meeting as soon as the New Zealand resolution had been tabled.

The U.S. to Cut Military Forces by 400,000

WASHINGTON, Monday. — American troops will be slashed by more than 400,000 men between the end of this year and June, 1955, U.S. Secretary of Defense Louis A. Howe announced today. The cuts are:

Army — 200,000 men, mostly from non-combat units, but rifle and armor battalions will be increased.

Navy — 75,000, and Marine Forces — 25,000.

Mr. Wilson was giving details of the Eisenhower Administration's "new look" military program to the Senate Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

He said the program, which provided for the rapid integration of the three services, was designed to improve our state of preparedness over an extended period of time.

The army cuts represented a reduction of three divisions from the level achieved during the Korean War. But, he added, "progress will continue to be made in reducing the number of anti-aircraft battalions with guided missiles."

In presenting his 1955 budget, Mr. Wilson said "various new weapons have become available in increasing quantities and still newer ones are in the offing."

He did not elaborate this statement.

TELL TOO MUCH

WASHINGTON, Monday (Reuter). — Mr. Allen Dulles, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, said in an interview today, "We tell Russia too much" about the U.S.

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## Syrians Fire on Fisher Craft As MAC Probe Earlier Raid

Syria No Rights On East Bank, MAC Rules

TIBERIAS, Monday. — Syrian cannon opened fire on an Israeli fishing fleet and its two escorting police boats, wounding three policemen, one seriously, at the very moment that Israel and Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission representatives met near here today to discuss the Syrian fire opened on Israel boats on Lake Kinneret last Thursday.

Today's attack, which included machine-gun and rifle fire, was opened at 11.30 a.m. It grew in intensity at about 2 p.m. when the Israeli boats withdrew under cover of Israeli shore batteries.

The Israeli police boats returned the fire during the entire engagement which took place in the north-east part of the Lake. Two of the Israeli boats were hit.

Both sides submitted complaints and called for an emergency meeting of the M.A.C. to discuss the new incident.

Dramatic Announcement

Damascus Radio broke into its regular news programme at 2.15 p.m. today to report the engagement in the north-eastern part of the Lake. The broadcast said:

One Israeli boat was set on fire and the exchange of fire was being continuing across the Lake without being able to put out the flames. It continued adding that the Israeli boats then opened their shore batteries in retaliation.

Latest of Long List Of Syrian Encroachments

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Today's Syrian attack was described as "the culmination of a long series of Syrian encroachments on Israel sovereignty" by a well-informed official source here today.

The Government, it was stressed, would accept nothing short of establishing once and for all the fact that all Lake Kinneret is Israeli territory and that no hindrance to Israel fishing will be permitted.

In the year ending March 1, 1954, Syrians opened fire on Israeli fishing craft approaching the north-eastern shore at least 12 times. It is pointed out in that part of the Lake and fishermen would not forgo their best catches.

The Government, according to the same source, will do all it can to protect citizens on land and on sea and to persuade them to pursue their peaceful work.

Spanish Police, Students Clash

SEVILLE, Monday (Reuter). — Spanish police charged with dispersing today to disperse students demonstrating here against a 30% increase in tram fares. The demonstrators overturned two trams.

Several students and others were reported injured during the incidents.

Lloyd Says Disorder In Sudan Hurts Egypt

LONDON, Monday (Reuter). — Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, said today that if the Egyptian Government continued to "wring its hands" in the Sudan and cause a breakdown of law and order, Egypt itself would lose as much as the Sudan.

He told the House of Commons that the British Government could not understand why the Egyptian Government did not perceive this.

Mr. Lloyd was making a statement on the riots at Khartoum in March when anti-Government tribesmen demonstrated against Egypt on the day fixed for the ceremonial opening of the Sudan's new Parliament.

"I fear it will not take much to cause deterioration in law and order both in north and south Sudan," Mr. Lloyd stated. "That was a situation of 'some danger which all should bear in mind.'"

The real problem for the Sudanese is not to get rid of the British, but how to ensure conditions under which they and other technical experts from abroad will be willing to serve in the Sudan.

"If the Sudan is to attract the men and women required for her development, there must be conditions of law and order, public safety, and confidence by Ministers in their officials, and a degree of efficiency in general administration adequate for the technical experts to carry out their work."

Mr. Lloyd said the Sudan has the chance of a great future. "How it can be worked out will depend upon the statesmanship of her leaders and a sense of responsibility on the part of those Governments who have special positions in the Sudan."

FAISAL VIEWS ARMY SCHOOL IN PAKISTAN

QUETTA, Monday (UP). — Iraq's King Faisal today toured Pakistan's Quetta Staff College — one of Asia's top officers' schools and a potential advanced training centre in any Middle East defence pact.

Record Egg Output

Israeli farmers established in February a record for egg production of 77.5 million eggs, 70% through Tuva, and 12.5% by Tene, it was learned in Jerusalem yesterday.

The total produce from Pisan A amounted to 250 tons, of which one quarter were distributed as aid to the needy. The rest was 250 tons, 25% of the poultry distributed by Tuva and 25% by Tene.

The next ration for Passover is assured, it was said, as 500 tons of live cattle, to be shipped from Yugoslavia, will arrive in time for the holidays.

The cattle, 1,600 head, were ordered at \$370 a ton by Mr. S. Lahavitz, of the Cattle Importers' Association, who returned to Israel yesterday.

## 3 Israel Policemen Wounded

Old-New Parliament Convened in Syria

The 1949 Syrian Parliament was convened yesterday for the first time since it was dissolved by General Hafez al-Assad in December, 1951, NEABS reports.

The House observed two minutes' silence to commemorate the victims of the Shishaki regime, and both Premier Sabri al-Asali and Dr. Nazim al-Kudsi, House Chairman, severely attacked Shishaki and his regime.

The original 128 deputies were not all present. Three died during the Shishaki regime, seven had been members of the Shishaki Cabinet.

The parliament was elected early in 1949 for a four-year period.

Dr. Kudsi said that Parliament would remain in office until the new elections.

Premier Asali, in a policy statement, declared that his was a caretaker Cabinet, which would arrange for elections within three months, would present a number of draft bills to the House, and would cancel laws passed during the Shishaki regime.

On foreign affairs, he said that the Government would not undertake any new obligations with regard to Palestine, would continue a national Arab policy, and would make an effort to see that justice was done to the Palestine Arabs.

Meanwhile, it was officially announced that negotiations with the Socialist El Bahth Party regarding its joining the Asali Cabinet had been terminated due to "extreme leftist demands for agrarian reform."

ANA reports from Riyadh that Shishaki has given up his army uniform, grown a beard, and dressed in a long white thobe, a pious Muslim habit. He has been given a palace by King Saud for his personal use.

Several students and others were reported injured during the incidents.

Basis Sought For Renewed Suez Talks

CAIRO, Monday (Reuter). — British Ambassador Sir Ralph Stevenson and Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fawzy met today and discussed the Sudan and the Suez Canal Zone.

The meeting was at Fawzy's request.

Asked if there was any connection between today's meeting and contacts in London between Egyptian Ambassador Abdul Rahman el-Farouk and the British Minister of State Selwyn Lloyd, an Egyptian Foreign Ministry spokesman said: "What is being sought now is a basis for Anglo-Egyptian talks for a settlement of the Suez Canal issue."

President Mohammed Nagib has reassumed the duties of the Military Governor of Egypt, according to a decree published today.

These functions were held briefly by Lieut.-Colonel Gamal Abdel Nasser when he assumed the Premiership for a few days, earlier this month.

Nagib is now President, Prime Minister and Military Governor; Colonel Nasser is Deputy Prime Minister.

Nagib's resumption of the Military Governorship sets the final seal on his return to supreme authority in Egypt with even greater power than before the internal revolt last month.

When the Egyptians go to the polls to elect a Constituent Assembly in July, they will, on the same ballot card, vote on the following issues: "Do you approve of the change of system?" and "Do you agree with the principle of limiting landholdings?"

Notice to Our Readers

The continued rise in production costs, together with certain retroactive wage adjustments, makes it necessary to raise the price of the daily newspapers. The small increase only partially covers these additional charges, and we therefore count on our readers to accept this increase, to which, most regretably, there is no alternative.

As from today, March 18, 1954, the price of the paper will be 100 pruta on weekdays, and 150 pruta Fridays and Holidays.

The Jerusalem Post

Ralph Murray Named Minister to Cairo

LONDON, Monday (Reuter). — Mr. Ralph Murray, 46-year-old British Counsellor in Madrid, has been appointed to the key post of Minister in Cairo.

It was learned today that Mr. Murray will replace Mr. M.J. O'Connell who has played an important role since July 1951 under Ambassador Sir Ralph Stevenson.

Mr. Murray served in the Foreign Office during the Second World War II when he was regarded as an expert on the problems of Germany and Austria. He has not served in the Middle East before.

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Haifa	15-20	SE 10-15	Partly Cloudy
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45,000 cases of citrus were exported from the beginning of the season until last Sunday. The figure for the corresponding period last year was 1,000,000 cases.

THE NEW COURT-OF-LIVING allowance agreement, resulting from the right point index rise in the past three months, is to be signed later this week, with full agreement between the Manufacturers Association and the Trade Union Department of the Histadrut reached in advance.

VILLAGERS of Ramat Hasharon in the Sharon go to the polls today to elect their first council. Two non-political lists are contesting the seven seats.

A PICKPOCKET ENTERED the Kfar Saba police station yesterday and stole 14,477 from two pairs of trousers belonging to police officers and which were hanging from a peg.

A FASHION SHOW sponsored by the Haifa Manufacturers Association will be held in the Megido Hotel at 8.30 p.m. today.

WORSE TO GIVE THAN RECEIVE  
TEL AVIV, Monday. — "In most cases, the profferer rather than the receiver is guilty in cases of bribing civil servants," — District Court Judge I. Zohar said in the District Court here today when he fined a woman 10,000, with the alternative of a month in prison, for the attempted bribery of a civil servant.

The judge noted that he refrained from imposing a fine on Miriam Elzari, 30, of Bnei Brak, only because she was a mother of three small children.

Mrs. Elzari had tried to bribe a Ministry of Defense official to grant her a buffet concession in Tel Hashomer. The official refused the bribe and informed the police.

BULGARS EXPLORE TRADE CHANCES  
A Bulgarian trade delegation yesterday visited the Economic Department of the Foreign Ministry, to receive a list of Israeli export goods.

Charlie Regrets  
TEL AVIV, Monday. — Charles Chaplin has thanked the Soldiers' Welfare Committee for their invitation to come to Israel for the Independence Day celebrations, but regrets that prior engagements do not permit him to get away, the Committee has announced.

Army Exemption for Yeshivot  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
Yeshiva students will not be drafted into the army, the Minister of Defense was reported to have told representatives of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the U.S. and Canada, Rabbi T. Adams, President of the rabbinical association, told the Press yesterday in Jerusalem that a Committee would determine the status of those students who have employment in addition to their studies.

The press conference, Rabbi Adams and Rabbi Ze'ev Segal, Chairman of the Ze'ev Segal Committee, reported on their recent meetings with Government and religious heads, and their tour of military and educational institutions.

Their visit, scheduled for summer, was pushed ahead due to the extremist religious demonstrations in New York against National Service for Women. Although this rabbinical body publicly opposed the methods employed by the demonstrators, they said may have been exploited by party politicians, it wished to have its representatives gain a clear, on-the-spot picture of the situation here.

The delegation was especially distressed by the order to yeshiva students to appear for medical examination, citing the American attitude to religious studies.

The delegation, which is leaving today, will report back to its organization, which numbers about 550 Rabbis, heads of congregations and communities.

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also asked for immediate consideration of the unemployment position, against the New York National Service for Women. Although this rabbinical body publicly opposed the methods employed by the demonstrators, they said may have been exploited by party politicians, it wished to have its representatives gain a clear, on-the-spot picture of the situation here.

THE GENERAL MANAGERS AND HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS OF THE ISRAELI RAILWAYS extend their congratulations to

Mr. G. Hardy  
The Traffic Manager on the Birth of his GRANDSON

To Mr. G.D. Hardy  
Traffic Manager Israel Railways  
Heartiest congratulations on the birth of your Grandson

General Railways Workers' Association  
Traffic Committee

THE MARRIAGE WILL TAKE PLACE BETWEEN  
Ben-Ami Fisch and Haggar Guravit

Tel Aviv

on March 20, 1954, at the Jewish Community Center, Manhattan, New Jersey.

## Cluj Rescue Train Drama Retold in Greenwald Trial

Three not included among the 200 persons selected to board the Rescue Train suffered from a very human weakness. They blamed Dr. Hermann for not saving them, but did not blame the Nazis for putting them in a position where they had to be saved," Mr. David Hermann, lecturer at the Hebrew University, said yesterday in the Jerusalem District Court.

He appeared as a witness for the prosecution in the trial of Greenwald who is on trial for having helped Dr. I. Kastner in his escape from the Ghetto by stating that he had collaborated with the Nazis.

The Rescue Committee in Budapest sent a list of 200 persons to the Cluj Ghetto and asked that the list be filled out to include 250 persons. Mr. Hermann testified. The only change made in the list received in the Ghetto was to strike out names of persons who had been expelled (to work camps).

A Committee of Four "not day and night" in Cluj to choose the other persons. The Germans did not interfere in drawing up this list, but the Hungarians added two groups of persons and deleted some names.

Three Jewish groups were active in Cluj. Mr. Hermann said. The internal administration in the Ghetto was in the hands of group members chosen by the Hungarian authorities. This Committee was headed by a Zionist.

Zionists, however, were included among the members of the second group, the "Judeans," which was headed by Dr. Joseph Fischer. This organization was dissolved after all the Jews had been moved into ghettos. The Judenrat was not asked to form the Jews to move into the ghettos and it had no say in their expulsion.

In addition to these two bodies, there was an underground organization, headed by Dr. A. Moron and Mr. Hillel Danzig, which was active in arranging escapes to Rumania.

Zionists as well as members of Dr. Kastner's family were included in those sent to work camps, Mr. Hermann said.

Fathers' Sacrifices  
Two fathers, selected to board the Rescue Train, gave their lives in a futile attempt to see their daughters. Mr. Hermann said, describing a tragic incident of life in Cluj. The fathers found the names of their daughters written on the walls of the wash-room. Against the advice of others, they appealed to the camp commander for permission to see them. The camp commander refused and ordered them to stay in the camp, where they met their death. The daughters were saved later.

Mr. Hermann concluded his testimony by saying that those who fled from Hungary, apparently "Judeans," while fate dealt more harshly with those who stayed behind to rescue Jews, as Dr. Kastner did. Mr. Yael Yael, who was parachuted into Europe during the war, is to testify today.

A public committee to extend financial aid to Mr. Greenwald, in paying his heavy defense costs, was formed in Jerusalem yesterday. Its founding members included three Jerusalem Councilors, Messrs. M. Rubin, A. Amiel and D. Siron.

GOVERNMENT TO SPEAK  
Defense Minister Pinhas Lavon and the Acting Area Commander will be the speakers at a Central Council meeting this afternoon, while the Minister of Labour, Mr. Golda Myerson will address the Jerusalem Area meeting at the Edson Cinema.

In Beersheva Mr. Ben Gurion will be the main speaker. In an Order of the Day to mark the occasion, the Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf Moshe Dayan, mentioned that Reserve Officers' Day coincided with the anniversary of the heroic death of Joseph Trumpeldor at Tel Hai in 1920. He paid tribute to the Reserve Officers' work and stressed the importance of their task in safeguarding the security of the State.

Officers in the Tel Aviv area and their wives were last night the guests of the Mayor and Municipal Council at special performances given by all the theatrical companies.

Mayor Aba Khoushy and Haifa Councilors yesterday received Reserve Officers from the district of the Tzora Hall in Nahariya, the Local Council and the Soldiers' Welfare Committee also held a party for Reserve Officers.

## IL 10m. to Water 25% Jump In Haulage Fees

A further important phase in the supply of water to the Negev irrigation project, for implementation during the current fiscal year, was announced yesterday by the Ministry of Finance and the U.S. Operations Mission.

The total cost of this stage of the project will be IL 1,500,000, which IL 500,000 will be in the form of Government Funds. The amount of Government Funds at present released is IL 200,000.

The work to be done consists of laying 64.5 km of 36-inch concrete pipes and 10 km of 24-inch steel pipes, building 30 reservoirs, at Telukmah, Pofra, Ovar Am and Safah with a combined capacity of 61,200 cu. m. and building three pumping stations, at Alshamah, Kosh Ha-Yam and Telukmah.

The benefits to accrue from this work will be an increase in the supply of water to the Negev from 18 million to 20 million cu. m. per annum and the irrigation of an additional 20,000 dunams.

The implementation of this project will be the responsibility of Mr. Aharon Wiener, Chief Engineer of the Mekorot Water Company, in collaboration with Mr. Tom R. Thomas, Chief of the Water Resources Division of the USOM.

Agency Agrees to Pay Jerusalem Rates  
The Jewish Agency is to meet its obligations with regard to the payment of rates to the Jerusalem Municipality in accordance with the recommendations of the Minister of Finance, the Agency Executive decided yesterday.

The question of paying rates to the Municipality of "immigrant towns" will be discussed at a further meeting with the Minister of Finance.

A FISHING BOAT, valued at IL 2,000, was stolen from its mooring in Haifa Port on Sunday night.

GOV'T DENIES MILK 'DUMPING'; Would Be Criminal Offence  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
No skimmed milk has been poured away, the Ministry of Commerce stated last night.

Further, the authorities do not believe the declaration made by the Milk Producers Association, at a meeting in Jerusalem yesterday, that "the milk is being poured away and will continue to pour away skim milk," the Deputy Minister of Commerce, Mr. E. Ben-Zvi, and the Food Controller, Mr. A. Halsey, stated at a press conference at the Knesset last night. Willful destruction of food is a criminal offense, they stated.

Mr. Ben-Zvi had told the Jerusalem Post that his organization pours away 800,000 litres of skimmed milk monthly. Although he reported to have repeated this statement at a meeting of milk producers and Government representatives, it is not given credence.

Armed sources stated that Mr. Ben-Zvi's purpose in issuing such stories was that the dairy he represents (Tarah, which represents Nahal Ishak) had lost custom for whole milk in the Tel Aviv area, and was forced to sell milk for industrial purposes at a much lower price.

He consequently wanted the Ministry to "divide Tel Aviv into districts" where his group would have a "captive" market. The Ministry refused, telling him that it was willing to grant additional distribution licenses if his milk could conquer the market on a price and quality competition basis.

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## AIOC Pressure On Israel Alleged

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV, Monday. — Crude oil which recently arrived at the Haifa refineries is of extremely low gas content and has thus caused the current shortage of domestic gas felt in households but more especially in the Petroleum and Chemicals factory in Haifa which uses 4,000 to 10,000 tons annually.

Reliable sources consider this may be due to the resentment felt by the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company and the CIL company at the purchase by the Government of crude oil from Soviet Russia at a rate 20% cheaper than prevailing world prices.

Russian oil purchased this year, 200,000 tons, accounts for 20% of the total crude oil refined at Haifa.

The Fuel Department of the Ministry of Development today said they had no knowledge of any complaint by the British oil companies.

On the contrary, the companies, it is pointed out, have no legal basis for objecting to the purchase of Russian oil, as by agreement the Government is allowed to purchase crude oil from any source it wishes, provided that the quantity does not exceed 30% of its total needs and that the oil is not re-exported.

13 from Chicago  
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## Support for E-W. Trade Grows

GENEVA, Monday (Reuters). — Poland pledged full support to the forthcoming East-West trade talks in Geneva next month at today's session of the U.N. Economic Commission for Europe.

But Polish delegate Julius Kats-Schuy emphasized that any expansion of trade depended on a very great extent on the removal of trading obstacles. He declared that Poland was ready to expand her trade with the West, but this was also contingent on the West taking more Polish exports.

"My government," he concluded, "feels that Poland could easily develop her trade particularly with the Scandinavian countries whose geographical position and economic situation provide markets which can be expanded on both sides."

Both the Swiss delegate, Mr. Hermann Kruswirth, and the Italian delegate, Mr. Tommaso Notarangelo, declared that their countries would take part in the East-West trade talks next month.

Mr. Andre Philip of France stressed the value of long-term contracts with the Eastern countries to avoid "unpleasant surprises" in respect of a disequilibrium of trade after a certain period.

Helen C. A. Bestinger, of the Netherlands, said his country favoured "a gradual and not too ambitious advance" towards development of East-West trade.

Meanwhile, trade talks in East Berlin between about 20 British businessmen and representatives of the Chinese People's Government, postponed suddenly yesterday, are to be held "within a few weeks." The postponement was requested by the Chinese.

Seeks Neutral Probe Of McCarthy Aide  
WASHINGTON, Monday (UP). — Senator Karl E. Mundt renewed his demand for "neutral" investigation of the Cohen affair today despite Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's blunt warning that the subcommittee should keep their distance.

Sen. Mundt, Mr. T. Robinson on McCarthy's investigating subcommittee, said in an interview that "nobody can quarrel" with the Wisconsin senator's statement last night that "no other committee is going to investigate whom we hire and fire."

But he declared he still believed a "neutral committee" should go after the facts in the blaring controversy over Army charges that Mr. McCarthy and the subcommittee's chief counsel, Mr. Roy Cohn, sought favored treatment for Pvt. David Schine, a former McCarthy investigator.

Although Mr. Mundt weighs considerable influence on the subcommittee, Mr. McCarthy made it plain last night that he will go all-out to prevent an outside inquiry.

STATUS — The Egyptian Government is studying the request of the Soviet Union to raise the Russian Legation in Cairo and the Egyptian Legation in Moscow to the status of Embassies. Russia is the only great power not represented in Cairo by an Ambassador.

AUTOMATIC — The General Electric Company announced yesterday that it had developed a new automatic gun control system for planes to track down and destroy enemy aircraft in combat at supersonic speeds.

STRIKE — The Australian Air Pilots Association yesterday decided to ground all passenger and freight planes in Australia for 12 hours starting at midnight last night. The pilots will hold a meeting to discuss claims for higher pay



## Economic News at a Glance

Citrus exports have reached four million crates.

Imports in January were IL.3m. (January 1954 IL.2m.) Exports in January were IL.3m. (January 1954 IL.2m.)

Reports of manufactured goods were double their level a year ago. But the gap in the balance of foreign trade rose.

Currency in circulation rose by IL.3m. to IL.12.5m.

Supply of 100,000 work-days to 14,000 families in the "mushrooms" of the country for the next year has been approved by the Jewish Agency Settlement Department. The scheme entails an outlay of IL.3m. and is aimed at providing a yearly minimum of 200 work-days.

Messrs. E. Margolin and E. N. N. of the Board of Directors of the Palestine Economic Corporation have arrived in Israel to join Mr. R. S. S. of the company's president. The company is negotiating with the Treasury on investment projects, including the financing of a fertilizer plant.

Unemployment dropped from 17,000 to 13,000, of whom 8,000 were unskilled workers.

Local authorities are to be relieved of paying one half of

the capital instalments due on their debts to banks and financial institutions in the current financial year. The Government is to spread the burden over a longer period by an agreement with the Treasury.

"Red" water-meter factory has been opened in Doha, with a monthly capacity of 8,000 units. Substantial export orders are under negotiation.

Maximum weight of gift parcels from abroad is to be reduced from 25 kg. to 10 kg. No single article contained in the parcels is to exceed 30 per cent of the value. Kasher meat only will be allowed to enter.

The demand for upping road haulage rates by 25 per cent has not been approved by the Central Committee of the Histadrut. The Ministry of Communications is to appoint a special investigation committee.

Favorable credit terms have been offered by Solel Boneh to communal settlements for building schemes of at least IL.10,000.

The Scandinavian Airlines have transferred their Middle East base from Lydda to Cyprus because of Arab pressure.

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SEASONAL surpluses of skimmed milk are a phenomenon quite usual in agricultural countries, for while milk fat can be stored or turned to dairy products, the remaining milk must be consumed at once. If possible, the surplus is limited, the excess is often poured out. This is what one producer or set of producers claims in spite of denials, to have done. Be that as it may, it highlights a gain in the sad lack of coordination between the various Government departments dealing with marketing of agricultural products, and the extent to which their decisions lag behind actual developments. First warnings about a surplus of milk during the spring season were voiced by Tavares some months ago, but measures to relieve the situation were taken rather tardily. The agreement about putting milk with higher fat content on the market has been announced only two weeks ago and it is to be implemented only in May. Nor does anybody evidently care about the possibility to utilize the skimmed milk for feeding needy school children, or failing that, for chickens. The real cause of this neglect was presumably that milk farmers were interested in a scheme which could be launched on a non-profit basis, but this should not be regarded as an excuse.

On the other hand, the fact of a small seasonal surplus should not constitute an indictment of the Government's policy of importing low-priced dairy products, which are competing with the local produce. For only with the help of the imported milk-powder, butter, and cheese, can we be supplied with adequate nutritional values, while local husbandry is dependent for the time being upon a level of earnings which can only be achieved by selling 85% of the milk in liquid form, and getting a Government subsidy on top of it. A change in this state of things can only be achieved over a longer period and under the pressure of unpleasant surpluses. It may be argued that this pressure has been increased by fixing the prices of imported products so low that local butter and cheese were knocked out of the market. But this is at any rate a minor fault, for the time being the bulk of the milk set free by the imports has been absorbed in other high-priced products, mainly in cream. The introduction of milk with 3% of butter fat, at a price of approximately 440 prutot per litre, will be another step in the same direction. And the demand has already been made to increase the present price for standard liquid milk, not heeding the fact that sales are dropping because of declining purchasing power.

Obviously this does not help much to solve the basic problem of replacing imported food by the produce of Israel farming. Paradoxically, the effect of the low-priced imports is that our husbandry has been retreating to an ever greater extent to the high-priced regions of luxury and semi-luxury consumption. But the expense of these regions, though much larger than previously assumed, is not limitless and it will be further curtailed by anti-inflationary fiscal policy.

Before long, therefore, the milk producers will have to face the inevitability of lower earnings, and unfortunately this will occur just at a time when the drive for new settlements will be gathering force. It is therefore high time to reduce costs in milk production and particularly in the distribution of liquid milk and to make more discriminate use of the subsidy funds by diverting them to the farmers who most require assistance, as has been done in vegetable marketing.

## Jerusalem Industry Confident Of Orders from Turkey

Jerusalem Post Reporter

EXPORTERS all over the country eagerly await the announcement in irrevocable black-and-white of licences from the Turkish Government authorizing the import of Israel goods. After a month when no licences were issued, the "binding promise" that \$2.5m. worth of merchandise would be permitted entry, brought a sigh of relief, albeit cautious, from Israeli firms whose stock has been piling without consignees. Through the order-book showed Ankara and Istanbul as top-notch buyers.

What caused the stop of trade relations? Commercial opinion blames a three-cornered deal in which a Jerusalem businessman acquired Turkish raw cotton cheaply, on condition that he would supply to Turkey, and proceeded to undercut Turkish cotton sales in Italy. Our exporters were none too pleased with this, but measures to relieve the situation were taken rather tardily. The agreement about putting milk with higher fat content on the market has been announced only two weeks ago and it is to be implemented only in May. Nor does anybody evidently care about the possibility to utilize the skimmed milk for feeding needy school children, or failing that, for chickens. The real cause of this neglect was presumably that milk farmers were interested in a scheme which could be launched on a non-profit basis, but this should not be regarded as an excuse.

On the other hand, the fact of a small seasonal surplus should not constitute an indictment of the Government's policy of importing low-priced dairy products, which are competing with the local produce. For only with the help of the imported milk-powder, butter, and cheese, can we be supplied with adequate nutritional values, while local husbandry is dependent for the time being upon a level of earnings which can only be achieved by selling 85% of the milk in liquid form, and getting a Government subsidy on top of it. A change in this state of things can only be achieved over a longer period and under the pressure of unpleasant surpluses. It may be argued that this pressure has been increased by fixing the prices of imported products so low that local butter and cheese were knocked out of the market. But this is at any rate a minor fault, for the time being the bulk of the milk set free by the imports has been absorbed in other high-priced products, mainly in cream. The introduction of milk with 3% of butter fat, at a price of approximately 440 prutot per litre, will be another step in the same direction. And the demand has already been made to increase the present price for standard liquid milk, not heeding the fact that sales are dropping because of declining purchasing power.

Obviously this does not help much to solve the basic problem of replacing imported food by the produce of Israel farming. Paradoxically, the effect of the low-priced imports is that our husbandry has been retreating to an ever greater extent to the high-priced regions of luxury and semi-luxury consumption. But the expense of these regions, though much larger than previously assumed, is not limitless and it will be further curtailed by anti-inflationary fiscal policy.

Before long, therefore, the milk producers will have to face the inevitability of lower earnings, and unfortunately this will occur just at a time when the drive for new settlements will be gathering force. It is therefore high time to reduce costs in milk production and particularly in the distribution of liquid milk and to make more discriminate use of the subsidy funds by diverting them to the farmers who most require assistance, as has been done in vegetable marketing.

## Income Tax Tightened

MODIFICATIONS in income tax regulations have been in the offing for some time, coming to their latest expression in the Finance Minister's budget address. The important changes now being considered by the Ministerial Economic Committee are embodied in a draft Bill for amending Income Tax Ordinances and Laws, prepared by the Finance Ministry, and call for a series of administrative corrections, closing loopholes and penalizing tax evaders more severely. They may be the first in a series, some observers feel, for the Government has set itself the task of raising income tax revenue by 50% - from IL.7m. in 1953/54 to IL.10.5m. in the coming year.

**Tax Rates**  
Tax rates will in fact be based upon the formula on which deductions at source from wages and salaries have been calculated since the regulations issued last November. On income up to IL.1,000 a year the gross rate of the tax will be 150 prutot per pound plus the quotient of the income divided by 20. For example, if the income is IL.2,500, the rate will be 150 plus 125 Ls. 75 prutot per pound.

Those earning over IL.1,000 a year will be taxed 400 prutot per pound (5,000-20: plus 150 prutot).

**Tax Credits (Deductions)**  
The following annual tax credits are to be deducted from the gross tax to arrive at the net figure:

Personal deduction - IL.150 (Thus, if the total annual income is IL.1,000, in which case the tax would be IL.150, this tax deduction would in effect mean tax exemption.)  
Deduction for wife - IL.45 (at present, IL.30).  
Deduction for children - for the first and second child - IL.45 each; for the third and more - undeducted (at present IL.20 for first, IL.40 for second, IL.50 for third and following; IL. for four children - IL.250 total).

Deduction for other dependents - IL.45 each (at present IL.30).  
Allowance for social payments (health insurance, etc.) - or 30% of actual outlay, but not less than IL.45 and not more than IL.250.

**Tightened Allowances**  
The "flat" allowance for travelling, entertainment expenses, etc. paid sometimes to managerial staff, will have to be reported as part of the salary by the employer and employer's deduction for actual expenses incurred will be settled individually with the Income Tax office.

**PLANS FOR IZMIR**  
Mr. E. Justice, Chairman of the International Affairs, and Mr. A. Khaman, the architect, are due to leave on Thursday for Turkey, to open negotiations for the purchase of the Izmir factory.

The Izmir factory will be an important step in the development of the textile industry in Israel. It is expected that the factory will produce 100,000 yards of cloth annually.

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on the first IL.5,000, and on each additional pound 600 prutot.

**Collective Settlements**  
Collective settlements present a special economic problem. In the ordinary household, the husband and wife (especially if the wife is not employed) form a single tax group. The husband's income is taxed, and no account is taken of the wife's income.

Proposed amendments are expected to be considered by the Finance Minister. They will provide for a 50% reduction in the tax rate for collective settlements.

**Stamp Duties Raised**  
By a Special Correspondent  
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**Readers' Letters**  
ADVANCE INCOME TAX  
Editor, The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, When the Advance Income Tax was introduced, it was intended for the relief of unemployment which considerably less than anticipated.

The Income Tax Commission has now decided to increase the tax rate for collective settlements.

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